TRICARE Pharmacy Program Medical Necessity Form for Verelan, Verelan PM, Covera HS, and Cardizem LA

This form applies to the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP) and the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program (TRRx) and may be found on the TRICARE Pharmacy website at www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/medical-nonformulary.cfm. The medical necessity criteria outlined on this form also apply at Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs). The form must be completed and signed by the prescriber.

- Long-acting verapamil and diltiazem products on the DoD Uniform Formulary are verapamil sustained release (e.g., Isoptin SR) and diltiazem sustained and extended release (e.g., Cardizem CD, Tiazac, Dilacor XR). The following products are **non-formulary, but available to most beneficiaries at a $22 cost share: Verelan** (verapamil extended release); **Verelan PM** and **Covera HS** (verapamil extended release for bedtime dosing); and **Cardizem LA** (diltiazem extended release for bedtime dosing).
- You do **NOT** need to complete this form in order for non-active duty beneficiaries (spouses, dependents, and retirees) to obtain non-formulary medications at the $22 non-formulary cost share. The purpose of this form is to provide information that will be used to determine if the use of a non-formulary medication *instead of a formulary medication* is medically necessary. If a non-formulary medication is determined to be medically necessary, non-active duty beneficiaries may obtain it at the $9 formulary cost share.
- Active duty service members may not fill prescriptions for a non-formulary medication unless it is determined to be medically necessary. There is no cost share for active duty service members at any DoD pharmacy point of service.

MAIL ORDER	**If the prescription is to be filled through the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy, check here** ☐ • The completed form and the prescription may be **faxed** to **1-877-283-8075** or 1-602-586-3915 **OR** • The patient may attach the completed form to the prescription and **mail** it to: **Express Scripts, P.O. Box 52150, Phoenix, AZ 85072-9954**	**RETAIL**	**If the prescription is to be filled at a retail network pharmacy, check here** ☐ • The provider may **call**: **1-866-684-4488** **OR** • The completed form may be **faxed** to **1-866-684-4477**	**MTF**	• Non-formulary medications are available at MTFs only if both of the following are true: ▪ The prescription is written by a military provider or, at the discretion of the MTF, a civilian provider to whom the patient was referred by the MTF. ▪ The non-formulary medication is determined to be medically necessary. • Please contact your local MTF for more information. There are no cost shares at MTFs.

There is no expiration date for approved medical necessity determinations.

Step 1 Please complete patient and physician information (Please Print)

Patient Name: _____
Address: _____
_____
Sponsor ID # _____

Physician Name: _____
Address: _____
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Phone #: _____
Secure Fax #:

Step 2 Please explain why the patient cannot be treated with the formulary medication:

1. Verelan, Verelan PM, or Covera HS is required because use of all other verapamil long-acting products is contraindicated (e.g., due to hypersensitivity to a dye or other inert ingredient), and treatment with Verelan, Verelan PM, or Covera HS is not contraindicated. Please explain below: ☐

2. Cardizem LA is required because use of all other diltiazem long-acting products is contraindicated (e.g., due to hypersensitivity to a dye or other inert ingredient), and treatment with Cardizem LA is not contraindicated. Please explain below: ☐

3. The patient is stabilized on a non-formulary medication (Verelan, Verelan PM, Covera HS, or Cardizem LA), is clinically fragile (multiple comorbidities), and changing to a formulary verapamil or diltiazem product would incur an unacceptable risk to the patient (e.g., destabilization, abrupt worsening of symptoms). Please explain below: ☐

Step 3 I certify the above is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Please sign and date:

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Prescriber Signature Date

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